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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final office action dated July 15, 2010, finally rejecting claims 1-8, 10 and 12-15.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for 3 month(s) to and including January 15, 2011 is enclosed.

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